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Christine Gallagher, Esq.
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Re: Thomas Ariola and the Giordano for U.S. Senate Committee
Dear Attorney Gallagher:

Our office represents the legal interests of Thomas Ariola. Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier today (August 23, 2004), I am writing this letter to request an extension of time for our office to file a response to the Reason to Believe (Factual and Legal Analysis) document completed by the FEC.

Attorney Brown, who is handling this matter, received the Reason to Believe (Factual and Legal Analysis) document via fax on August 19, 2004. Although this document was mailed to Mr. Ariola's last known address in July, Attorney Brown first received it on August 19, 2004. The fifteen days to file a response, from August 19, 2004, would expire on September 3, 2004.

Attorney Brown left to go out of town on August 20, 2004 and he will be out of the office until August 30, 2004. Thus, in order to file an adequate response to the Reason to Believe (Factual and Legal Analysis) document, this office requests a week long extension (7 days) to do so.

Given that Attorney Brown is presently out of the office, the response to this request for an extension of time can be directed to my attention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lori Mizerak

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